MCC
METROPOLITAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sunday, June 1, 2014
7th Easter

Supporting Cast: Rahab

930 North 4th Street ♦ Allentown, PA 18102
610-709-8800 ♦ info@mcclv.org ♦ www.mcclv.org

The Mission of MCCLV is to call all people to a holy life in Christ, changing lives and transforming the world

MCC LEHIGH VALLEY ORDER OF SERVICE

As you prepare for worship, take a few moments to reflect on the current state of your relationship with God. Is the communication channel completely open and free of any cross-traffic that might interfere with your ability to hear from God? What do you need to let go of, so that you may let God take control? Close your eyes, take a deep breath and let worship begin for you…

Opening Song

Call to Worship

Invitation to Ministry

A Time of Praise (3 Songs)

Prayer Preparation Song

Prayer

Scripture Reading

Children's Blessing

Message

Song of Response

Offering

Offering Song

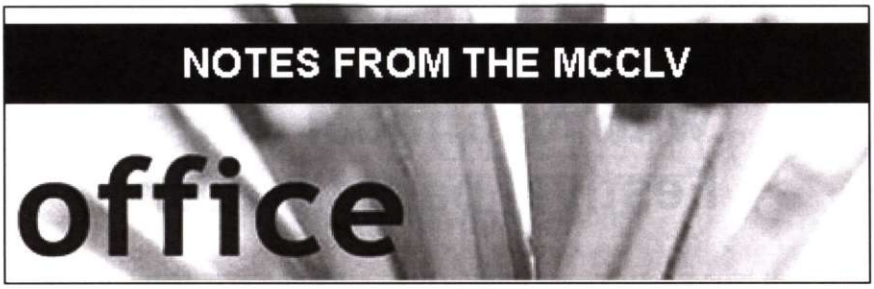
Communion

Communion Song

Prayer Over Gifts

Closing Song

Commission & Blessing



Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel
Office Hours:
Monday: 8am-2pm
Tues-Thurs: 8am-1pm
Fri: 8am-12 noon

Space Reservation: Any individual or group wishing to schedule a meeting or event at the church **is required to fill out a space reservation form**. Write to office@mcclv.org more information.

Sunday Bulletin & Announcements

The deadline for all bulletin notices & announcements is **Wednesday at noon** – email to office@mcclv.org

Audio-Visual Support: Anyone planning an event at MCCLV **is required to see Music & Worship Director Brian Jones** in advance to arrange any needed AV support. The church may not be able to honor last minute requests.

Looking for low-cost space for you birthday party or family celebration? Consider MCCLV's Fellowship Hall for your gathering! Contact Administrative Assistant Paula Merkel at 610-709-8800 or e-mail office@mcclv.org for more information.

MCCLV IS ON YOUTUBE!
To view and subscribe to our channel go to **www.youtube.com** and search **MCC LV**.

ASSIST YOUR CHURCH with its annual Pride Festival participation

Do you enjoy big festivals and meeting new people?

Do you love telling people about the great things happening at MCCLV?

To learn more about how to be a part of the special day, contact MCCLV's Pride Festival Coordinator Gavin Neese at: neese10@gmail.com

First planning meeting is TODAY, following the worship service

A QUOTE FOR YOUR WEEK

I do believe we're all connected. I do believe in positive energy. I do believe in the power of prayer. I do believe in putting good out into the world. And I believe in taking care of each other.

(Harvey Fierstein)

RAINBOW SCHOLARSHIP

Now Accepting Applications!

Do you know a graduating high school senior who could use a little extra cash to help with education expenses next year? That's what the Rainbow Scholarship is all about!

Since 2003, Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley has been encouraging academic achievement, building self esteem and providing positive reinforcement for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender) youth in the Lehigh Valley and surrounding counties through the "Rainbow Scholarship."

The "Rainbow Award" and "Queer Student of the Year" are awarded to LGBT graduating high school seniors who will be attending a school of higher education. The essay contest is open to all graduating high school students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Applicants must reside in the following counties: Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Schuykill and Warren.

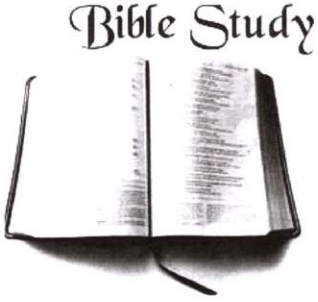
Check out all of the details and application online at **www.prideglv.org.** Deadline to apply is July 31. Recipients will be notified in early August and awards will be presented on stage at **Pride in the Park** on Sunday, August 17, 2014.

Do you desire to serve God as part of the worship service here at MCCLV? The church seeks individuals interested in serving as Ushers, Acolytes, Blessers as well as Tech Squad and Altar Guild. See Music and Worship Director Brian Jones or email **brian.jones@mcclv.org** for

Wednesday Evenings at MCCLV
- Adult Bible Study -

During the months of June & July, MCCLV hosts an in-depth study of Paul's Letters to the Romans and Corinthians. The studies are led by Rev. Goudy and people from all levels of Biblical background are invited to take part. The Romans study is titled "*Why Do Evangelicals Love Romans So Much They Want to Marry It?*" The 1 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church*" and the 2 Corinthians study is titled "*A Conflicted Church, Continued.*" For more information contact the Pastor at rev.goudy@mcclv.org or 610-709-8800.

Schedule:
June 4 @ 7pm: Romans 9-12
June 11 @ 7pm: Romans 13-16
June 18 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 1-6
June 25 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 7-10
July 2 @ 7pm: 1 Corinthians 11-16
July 9 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 1-7:4
July 16 @ 7pm: 2 Corinthians 7:5-13



Serve God and MCCLV as Media & Marketing Coordinator!
For more information email rev.goudy@mcclv.org

Policy & Procedure Committee

All strong organizations run smoothly with clear policies and procedures in place. Do you have a heart for ensuring the safety the church's children? Do you believe in the benefits of Direct Dealing? Would you like to help equip MCCLV with the proper tools to protect the church's congregants, staff, and building?

Meets 4th Sundays
For more information, please see
Lauren Sheldon
laureneshedon@gmail.com or
Emma Marrero
emma.marrero@kidspeace.org

Yard Sale Fundraiser
Saturday July, 19, 2014

All proceeds are for the MCCLV Food Pantry to help with materials needed for set up and to supplement supplies

See Barb Baus for more information and to sign up to help.

Do You Want to Help Feed Hungry People?

MCCLV's annual Free Market fresh food outreach to the neighborhood comes up in September. Barb Baus is serving as coordinator of this effort that feeds a hungry corner of Allentown with fresh fruits and vegetables. Stay tuned for more details!

MCCLV IS ON FACEBOOK!
Search **MCC Lehigh Valley.** All MCCLV related posts and tags will be approved through the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

Congratulations to Robby Schotter!

MCCLV congratulates Robby Schotter on his graduation from General Theological Seminary with a Master's degree in Biblical Studies. Robby Serves as Spiritual Formation Ministry Coordinator at MCCLV and is a long-time member of the faith community.

Are you in need of individual prayer?

MCCLV's prayer room is reserved every Sunday after Worship for intercessory prayer. See Loreli Bauer who will arrange a deacon to pray with you. You can also email her at lorelibauer@aol.com.

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress. God made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and the Lord brought them to their desired haven.

MCCLV'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Open every Sunday at 12:00-1:00 PM to serve the community. The pantry is in need of donations. Drop off items in front of the pantry door. Thank you!

DEALING WITH THE PAIN OF A LOSS?

Loss and grief are part of life, but can be difficult to process alone. Elaine Ely is a trained, experienced and certified specialist in the area of end-of-life issues, loss and grief, being hosted by MCCLV. Her current hours at the church are:

Wednesdays from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm (other hours can be arranged upon request). For a single consultation or on-going counseling, reach her at elaine.ely.pastor@gmail.com or 215-915-4370.

Also, watch for details on an up-coming workshop: "Facing Grief - Yours and Other's", and a 6 week support group series to be offered this fall.

Earn Money for MCCLV Shopping at AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way to support MCCLV at no cost. To shop at AmazonSmile go to **www.smile.amazon.com** and 0.5% of any product marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" will be donated to MCCLV. Those with an existing Amazon account, can continue to use that same account on AmazonSmile. First time visitors to **www.smile.amazon.com** will need to select a charitable organization to receive donations. MCCLV is listed as "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**" and will be remembered so that all future purchases made at AmazonSmile will result in a donation to MCCLV. Questions, please see any member of the Board. Again, it's "**MCC of the Lehigh Valley**."

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MCCLV's **Altar Guild** is looking for people who have an eye for design, a heart for good flow and a mind that likes to make sure all the pieces of a puzzle come together.

If that is you, email Normana Schaaf at normana.schaaf@verizon.net

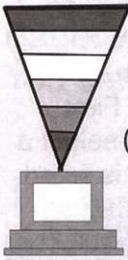
Turn my eyes from worthless things,
and give my life through Your word.
Psalm 119:37

THE PENNSYLVANIA DIVERSITY NETWORK

2014 GLBT Community Awards Celebration

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

In the elegant Rodale Room in Miller Symphony Hall



23 N 6th St, Allentown, PA
(Parking in the deck across the street.)

Doors Open at 5:30pm
for soft drinks, cash bar,
hors d'oeuvres & dinner

KowThai

MILLER
SYMPHONY HALL

Awards Presentation begins 7:30pm. Dessert served at 8:30pm.

FEATURING SPEAKER FAY JACOBS

Prize Winning Rehoboth
Humor Writer & Activist

HONORING:

Les Bahr & Roger Whitley

Carol Stevens

Troy Dwyer

Sal Panto,
Mayor of Easton

Also featuring a major surprise announcement you won't want to miss!!!

Tickets: $30 per person in advance or $35 at the door**

Ticket price includes: hors d'oeuvres, dinner (chicken, beef, and vegan options), and dessert, catered by Kow Thai Restaurant in Allentown. Free soft drinks. Cash bar. Huge fabulous silent auction. Swag bag. Live Jazz entertainment by Roberta Meek. 10 free basket raffle tickets for dozens of exciting prizes. A non-smoking event. Will feature the PDN Photo Project.

**Please see the PDN Website www.padiversity.org
to buy tickets & for host committee & sponsorship options that provide more benefits, reserved seats, and more opportunities to support PDN at a small additional cost.
Call PDN - 610-432-5449 for more information.

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PO Box 22902 Lehigh Valley, PA 18002 phone: 610-432-5449 email: info@padiversity.org

Women Ages 20-39

POSTPONED

until November
More details to come

Special Worship Service & Luncheon
Theme: "*You Are Right Where You Need To Be*"

All women in their 20s or 30s are welcome at the event, no need to be a church member at MCCLV (or anywhere else!)
Cost: $10

DO YOU HAVE A CARE NEED?
Are you scheduled for surgery? Do you desire a home visit? Are you in need of a prayer partner? MCCLV's Congregational Care & Health Ministry Coordinator is Karl Steiner. Let Karl know you care needs by seeing him in person following the worship service, e-mailing him at karl.steiner@mcclv.org or phoning him at (610) 987-2858. Karl will coordinate care for you through MCCLV.

Boldly Going...

Do you like playing with the latest techy gadget or enjoy knowing how new electronic devices work? MCCLV's Tech Squad could be the place to put your tech-hobby to practical use. Learn how to run MCCLV's multi robotic camera system or how to create the best sound for the sanctuary and how to keep the worship services flow going using the screens. If you would like to know more contact Jeff Hayes at: avteam@mcclv.org

HIV Positive Support Group

A HIV support group at MCCLV **meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30pm**. The focus is on living a positive life with HIV—the group is called HIV/Positive Living. This will be a chance to share and have candid discussions. This group is limited to those with HIV, but there will be occasional guest speakers. If you are interested, please contact **Dean Hiatt** at robdean@ptd.net

Raise Funds For People Living With HIV/AIDS

The HIV/Positive Living Group at MCCLV will be coordinating the church's participation in the annual FACT Games, an event that raises funds for people living with HIV/AIDS. The event includes fun games like a pie-eating contest and relay races. The Games will take place in September, stay tuned for more details

Graduates

MCCLV will be honoring Graduates
June 22, 2014

Let us know if you are graduating
You can e-mail the office at
office@mcclv.org

- - 20s30s Meets 1st Friday! - -

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Looking for some fun and fellowship? Would you like to connect with others in your age group? Join the fabulous 20s30s crew at their regular gatherings at **7pm on the first Friday of every month** at MCCLV. It's a great place to meet others with common goals and kindred spiritual journeys.

For details contact Scott George e-mail:
smgmcclv@gmail.com

Early Morning Prayer

So what is prayer? Prayer is a relationship, wherein we humbly communicate, worship, and sincerely seek God's face, knowing that God hears us, loves us and will respond, though not always in a manner we may expect or desire. Prayer can encompass confession, praise, adoration, supplication, intercession and more.

Early Morning Prayer at MCCLV, 9am every Sunday *is a wonderful time to focus on our Creator, get caught up with God, and start your worship day with power.*

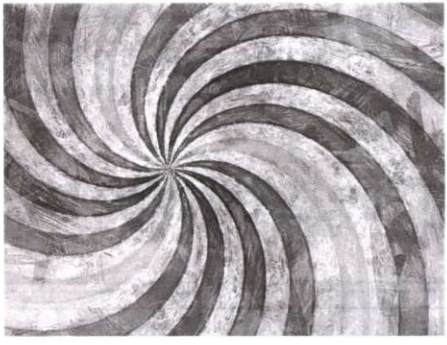
Come and be blessed!

Save The Date

July 26, 2014
7pm

Final Freedom To Marry Event followed by an Ice Cream Social

An opportunity for a
free legal ceremony
Stay tuned for more details



Wednesday Night Prayer

In June & July, MCCLV hosts Centering Prayer at 6pm on Wednesdays in the church's Prayer Room. All are welcome to participate.

Retirees Gatherings

Retirees meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Come and share some "golden" time with similarly blessed retirees!

For more information, contact
Karl Steiner, karl.steiner@mcclv.org or
Elaine Ely, pastor_elaine@yahoo.com

Save The Date

Saturday November 8, 2014

Tricky Tray

Committee Meets:

4th Wednesdays
May through October
MCCLV's Children's
Sunday School Room

See Sue Carpenter for more details or email her at:
sue.carpenter@voya.com

Help Out MCCLV's Pastor

Do you enjoy reading novels in a variety of genres? Your help is needed! MCCLV Pastor Elizabeth Goudy will have a rough draft of her book prepared following her sabbatical months of August-September, 2014. A group is needed to read through the manuscript in October, 2014. This is a short-term activity but will require a high level of commitment and focus. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, talk with the Pastor following worship or contact rev.goudy@mcclv.org. Also, if you have experience with the publishing industry or using the services of a literary agent, see the Pastor.

Food Pantry

Contributions are always needed for MCCLV's Food Pantry, bring in a donation whenever you are able. Volunteers are also needed for the Pantry.

Contact Judy McNally via e-mail at:
njm0@lehigh.edu

So Much Life! So Much to Learn!! Start Soon!!!

Beginning Sunday, June 22 at 9AM, MCCLV will offer for your learning pleasure 9 amazing **LIFE LESSON Seminars**. We never know what challenges life will bring -- these seminars will prepare you for many of them.

- Achieving and Sustaining Emotional Health (2 Seminars)
- Dealing with Loss
- Adoption & Custody Issues in the GLBT Community
- Alternate Gender Topics and Panel Discussion (2 Seminars)
- Being a Long Term Care Giver
- Estate Planning -- Finances & Insurance
- GLBT Perspective on Wills and Other Legal Documents

For more information, see Barb Baus or email Karl Steiner - karl.steiner@mcclv.org.

FORGE East Leaders:
Barb Baus **babaus@hotmail.com**
Lauren Sheldon **laurenesheldon@gmail.com**

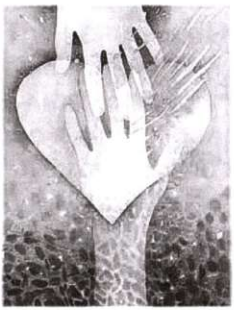
FORGE South Leaders:
Loreli Bauer **lorelibauer@aol.com**
Elaine Ely **pastor_elaine@yahoo.com**

FORGE West Leaders:
Scott George **smgmcclv@gmail.com**
Ron Smith **rsmith.mcclv@gmail.com**

FORGE A stronger relationship with Christ and one another—join a FORGE group!

A FORGE group **is not** a Bible study, Christian training session, group therapy, nor a doctrinal boot camp.

A FORGE group **is** a small, relational gathering of Christians, primarily focused on **transformation** and not information, where people learn how to interpret their entire lives through the lens of gospel and grow in faith in Christ.



Groups meet every other week for one hour—for worship, prayer, devotionals, testimonies and fellowship. Although groups are spread out geographically (South, East and West) to make them easier to get to, you may attend whichever group you choose, even if it is not the one nearest you.

***Contact group leaders to learn more ***

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT MCCLV

Pentecost Sunday: June 8th, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21
Preaching: Rev. Delores P. Berry

1st Pentecost: June 15, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity In An Undignified World, Part I"**

2nd Pentecost: June 22, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity In An Undignified World, Part II"**

3rd Pentecost: June 29, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Reading: Luke 18:9-14
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Maintaining Dignity in an Undignified World, Part III"**

4th Pentecost: July 6, 2014 @ 10:30am
Scripture Readings: Ephesians 2:19-22 & Philippians 3:17-21
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"The USA is Not a Christian Nation"**

5th Pentecost: July 13, 2014 @10:30am
Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Preaching: Rev. Elizabeth Goudy
Sermon Title: **"Run the Race"**

Today's Scripture Reading:

Joshua 2:1-14

Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, 'Go, view the land, especially Jericho.' So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. The king of Jericho was told, 'Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.' Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, 'Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.' But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, 'True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.' She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out on the roof. So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof and said to the men: 'I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. As soon as we heard it, our hearts failed, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The LORD your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the LORD that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.' The men said to her, 'Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the LORD gives us the land.'

MCCLV's Weekly 2014 Budgeted for Giving is $3,916.98

Date	Attendance	Giving
5/25/2014	88	$2,588.74
5/18/2014	81	$1,103.50
5/11/2014	98	$1,336.99
5/4/2014	91	$2,909.10

Full financial reporting is provided at the Board meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month. All are welcome to attend. Additionally, reports may be viewed in the Board binder in the Library.

MCCLV MINISTRY COORDINATORS

Congregational Care & Health:
Karl Steiner | karl.steiner@mcclv.org
20s30s Ministry, Faith Community Nurse, Hospitality, Prayer Team and Reconciliation & Affirmation Ministry

Spiritual Formation:
Robert Schotter | robdean@ptd.net
Small Group Discipleship, Spiritual Growth Programming and Children & Youth Ministry

Outreach & Justice:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Evangelism, Free Market, Silent Witness, Food Bank, Messengers Art Ministry and Helping Hands Ministry

Media & Marketing:
See Rev. Goudy for more information
Communications and Marketing Ministry

Denominational Representatives:
Lay Delegates Hope Hilby and Normana Schaaf

MCCLV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sue Carpenter, Jim Harbst, Diana LaTorre, Emma Marrero, Lauren Sheldon and Ron Smith
If you would like an item included on the Board agenda see any Board Member

MCCLV DEACONS

Loreli Bauer, Maricel Concepcion, Clarence Freed, Hope Hilby, Jessica Mitchell, Normana Schaaf, Karl Steiner and Carol Stevens

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